

February 8, 1979

regarding confirmation of certain gubernatorial appointments. That report will be inserted in the Legislative Journal in full. (See pages 451-452 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: We will proceed then with agenda item #5, introduction of new bills, starting with Request #836.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Maresh moves that Request #836 be introduced by the committee on Agriculture and Environment.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the purpose of this bill is to reduce the licensing fee for livestock dealers from \$25 to \$5. We have been working at this for quite a while. I have a Doane student that is working with me and she has been trying to get answers why the fee is that high and it seems that it is just a revenue generating source. Usually fees are established to cover the costs of the program to either carry out the costs of the Licensing Board or for the policing part of the...to police the profession or the business and in this case it seems that these people are covered by a federal act. They are required to have a federal bond and there is no state policing done and it is just a means to be able to identify who the livestock dealers are. If that is the case it seems just for issuing this piece of paper that a \$5.00 fee would be sufficient. This has been called to my attention by livestock dealers in my area and I think it would be good if the Agriculture and Environment Committee would take a look at this licensing procedure and find out if the fee is too high, so I move that this bill be introduced this morning. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: Is there any further discussion on Request #836? The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Maresh a question. Couldn't we wait until next year with this bill?

SENATOR MARESH: I think the time to deal with something is when the problem is brought forth and the Agriculture and Environment Committee doesn't have too many bills. I think this could be very well taken care of this session and if there is a study needed to be done to study this closer, we could do it during the interim by having this bill.